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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

At page 1, line 1, please delete "Field of the Invention" and replace with

**--Background of the Invention--.**

At page 1, line 6, delete "Prior Art".

At page 31, delete the current Abstract and replace with a new Abstract of the Invention, submitted herewith:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

An aqueous laundry detergent composition containing a hydroxy mixed ether.

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 1-10, without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims.

1. An aqueous laundry detergent composition comprising a hydroxy mixed ether.

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